



**Proclaiming  
Disability Pride Month**

WHEREAS, JULY IS DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH, A TIME TO SPOTLIGHT THE ACHIEVEMENTS, CONTRIBUTIONS, AND RESILIENCE OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, AND TO PROMOTE INCLUSION, ACCEPTANCE, AND UNDERSTANDING OF DISABILITY; AND

WHEREAS, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MAKE UP A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND THEIR UNIQUE PERSPECTIVES, TALENTS, AND EXPERIENCES ENRICH OUR SOCIETY AND CONTRIBUTE TO OUR CULTURE AND COLLECTIVE SUCCESS; AND

WHEREAS, THE COUNTY OF VENTURA RECOGNIZES THE BARRIERS TO INCLUSION EXPERIENCED BY INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND STRIVES TO IMPROVE AND FOSTER A SENSE OF BELONGING; AND

WHEREAS, DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES; AND

WHEREAS, WE APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE THE TIRELESS EFFORTS OF LOCAL RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, DISABILITY RIGHTS ADVOCATES, AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO WORK TO CREATE A MORE ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY FOR ALL; AND

WHEREAS, THE INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCE CENTER, INC. IS A COMMUNITY BASED, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO EMPOWERING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY AND PARTICIPATE FULLY IN SOCIETY PROVIDING SERVICES, INCLUDING ADVOCACY, PEER COUNSELING, SKILLS TRAINING AND TRANSITION SERVICES TO HELP INDIVIDUALS MOVE TO INDEPENDENT LIVING; AND

WHEREAS, THE INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCE CENTER, INC. PROMOTES THE PRINCIPLES OF SELF-DETERMINATION, EQUALITY, AND INCLUSION WORKING TO IMPROVE BARRIERS AND ENSURE THAT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES AS EVERYONE ELSE; AND

WHEREAS, THERE ARE 28 INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCE CENTERS IN CALIFORNIA AND THE FIRST WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1972. THIS PERIOD SAW INCREASING ADVOCACY FOR THE RIGHTS AND INDEPENDENCE OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, CHALLENGING SOCIETAL NORMS. THESE PIONEERS BELIEVED THAT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES SHOULD HAVE CONTROL OVER THEIR OWN LIVES AND SERVICES THEY RECEIVE. THE CONCEPT SPREAD AND TODAY THERE ARE OVER 400 ILC'S ACROSS THE NATION; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM JULY 2024, AS DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH.

Presented on this 23rd Day of July 2024

  
Chairman of the Board, Kelly Long, Supervisor 3<sup>rd</sup> District

  
Jeff Goreh, Supervisor 2<sup>nd</sup> District

  
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